

Swedish NAO and audits on quality of statistics

Building Trust – the Role of Supreme Audit Institutions in Ensuring the Reliability of Fiscal Data

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AUDITS ON QUALITY OF STATISTICS

- › 2 performance audits reports on this topic
- › Official statistics – a true and fair view of societal development? (RiR 2015:3)
- › The quality of national accounts (to be published December 3, 2019)



Official statistics— a true and fair view of societal development? (RiR 2015:3)

› Findings

- › The Government has no clear plan for how official statistics should be developed
- › The statistical agencies work to a great extent independently, and in various ways to cope with various challenges that constitute a threat to the system; for example increasing non-response rates in statistical surveys

Official statistics— a true and fair view of societal development? (RiR 2015:3)



› Recommendations to the Gov't

- › Improve planning and the strategic focus of the official statistics system
- › Ensure that a function or mechanism is set up to review and evaluate the quality of official statistical products.
- › Clarify what Statistics Sweden's coordination responsibility involves

› Recommendations to Statistics Sweden

- › Use all the coordination instruments Statistics Sweden has at its disposal
- › Take measures to increase the percentage of statistical products with an up-to-date description and quality declaration
- › Initiate increased cooperation and discussion between statistical agencies concerning nonresponse issues





The quality of the national accounts – (will be published dec 3, 2019)

- › Focus is on the sector accounts
- › Main question: Are the national accounts of sufficient quality to form the basis for informed fiscal policy decisions?
- › Audit (sub) questions
 - › 1) Are the national accounts relevant?
 - › 2) Are the national accounts accessible and clear?
 - › 3) Is the reliability of the national accounts at a sufficiently high level?
- › Method: Interviews and questionnaire (q1 and q2) and statistical tests (q3)